Government of Karnataka has submitted a revised Project.

(b) Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited was sanctioned a Project for 'Training and Employment Programme for Rural Women in handloom activities with an approved outlay of Rs. 685.80 lakhs with the Government of India's commitment to the extent of Rs. 580.61 lakhs. Grants of Rs. 180 lakhs during the year 1990-91, Rs. 61.245 lakhs during the year 1991-92 and Rs. 184.74 lakhs during the year 1992-93 were released to bringing the total grant to Rs. 425.985 lakhs released to the Corporation up to 31st March 1993. Against the release of this amount an expenditure of Rs. 275.24 lakhs has been incurred by the Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited upto June 1993 leaving an unspent balance of Rs. 150.745 lakhs. The sanction of the recasted cost estimates submitted is dependent upon the satisfactory progress both in physical and financial terms of the Project already sanctioned and the merits of the proposal.

Pathetic Condition of Government Schools in Delhi

3388. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in Indian Express dated 18th June, 1993 stating that the condition of Government schools in Delhi is pathetic;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any contingency plan is contemplated to improve the condition of the schools so as to improve the educational standards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. According to information furnished by Delhi Administration the result of Government schools including of those schools mentioned in the news item, has improved from 35.1 per cent to 40 per cent in Secondary and 55.1 percent to 61.5 percent in Senior Secondary. Dehi Administration has initiated various measures to ensure further improvement in the educational standards. Some of the measures are:

(i) perspective plan to improve infrastructure has been prepared upto year 2001.

(ii) inservice training of teachers has been started.

(iii) vacancies are being filled up on priority.

These measures are also in tune with most of the recommendations made by the Committee which was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri A. K. Sharma.

Delhi Administration has further intimated that a crash programme has been taken up to improve the physical facilities of the schools.

Percentage of Literacy in States

3389. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of literacy in different States among Males and Females; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to increase it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A statement showing the literacy rates